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Valley Chorale Director Is Well Known

Lynn E. Sjolund, director of the recently organized Rogue Valley Chorale, is well known to Rogue Valley audiences.

He is director of the vocal music department at Medford Senior High School, having been affiliated with the school system since 1956. Medford Senior High School choirs have performed at state and Northwest conventions of the Music Educators Conference, and have consistently won superior ratings in contests and festivals.

In addition to working with local groups, Sjolund has directed many music festivals and clinics including the Pacific University "Music in May" chorus, and the Montana All-State Choir.

Sjolund is a member of Phi Delta Kappa, education fraternity and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonie, national music honorary. He has also served the Oregon Music Educators Association as president and in other capacities. He has been a member of the board of directors of the Jackson County Community Concert Association for three different terms and is serving as chairman of the artist procurement committee. He is also director of the Congregational Church choir, and is active on the Alba-Medford Sister City Committee.

Sjolund has done considerable solo work in the area, having sung the bass solos in the combined church choir annual presentation of Handel's "Messiah." His music degrees are from the University of Oregon, and in addition, he spent a year studying near Stuttgart, Germany. Teachers with whom he has studied include Julius Herferd, Donald W. Allton, Roger Wagner, Clyde Keutzer, Exine Anderson Bailey and George Boughton.

The Chorale will present its second concert on Thursday, April 4, at 8 p.m. at the Senior High School Auditorium in Medford. Tickets are \$1.50 for adults and \$.75 for students, and are available at Trowbridge's Store, Music West, and the Melody House in Medford, the Music Shop in Grants Pass, and Fortmillers Department Store in Ashland. Tickets are also available from any member of the Chorale.